

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 10, 2021

1st Presbyterian of Rockaway

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Crusader’s Hymn
Setting by Joel Raney

Please use this time to silently prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

If it had not been God who was on our side,
the troubles of our world would have swallowed us whole.

If it had not been God who was on our side,
the sorrows of our times would have swept us away.

Are any among us suffering?

Come and pray.

Are any among us cheerful?

Come sing songs of praise.

Are any among us sick?

Come and ask for healing.

Our help is in our God,
the One who made heaven and earth.

Call upon God, creator and rescuer.

God is on our side.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Wise God, you have come to us in the form of a vulnerable child; you teach us that the last are first and the first, last; you lead us on a Way to new life that leads through death. Truly your wisdom is different than ours! Meet us in this place and teach us your foolish wisdom and your vulnerable power; give us joy to receive it fully and courage to live it foolishly, through Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and Word. Amen.

***HYMN 667**

WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God saves us despite us being unworthy of that salvation. In response to that grace, let us confess the ways we have fallen short.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of endless mercy, we have often been swallowed up by our greed and selfishness, desiring that which we do not have, filling our lives with things that do not save us. We have often been swept away by the floods of our own making, polluting your creation, neglecting to be faithful stewards of the earth. We have often attacked one another and led lives of violence, building walls instead of accepting refugees. We ignoring your commandments; we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. Lord have mercy on us, for we are broken and need your salvation. Lord have mercy upon us and hear us as we pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayer

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray,

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ Jesus there is rest and assurance. We are renewed for the journey, so we have the strength and the courage to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Know that we are forgiven, loved, and restored, and in Christ there is perfect peace and rest. Rise, and do the work Christ call us to do.

***GLORIA PATRI (581)**

**Glory be to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

ANTHEM

“Here I Am, Lord”

by Dan Schutte

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

AMOS 5:6-15

⁶ Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷ Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

⁸ The one who made the Pleiades and Orion,
and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night,
who calls for the waters of the sea,
and pours them out on the surface of the earth, the LORD is his name,

⁹ who makes destruction flash out against the strong,
so that destruction comes upon the fortress.

¹⁰ They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

¹² For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³ Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴ Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

¹⁵ Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

PSALM 90:12-17

¹² So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

¹³ **Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!**

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ **Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.**

¹⁶ Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

**¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!**

MARK 10:17-31

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

SERMON

WHAT IS MISSING?

Rev. Dr. Nancy Young

***HYMN 394**

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion’s help forever, and our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all your loving kindness; hear your people as we pray.
And your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.**

**Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain;
What they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
And here after in your glory evermore with you to reign.**

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Christine Sine)

We believe in God above us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.
We believe in Christ beside us,
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.
We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.
We believe in God's resurrection created world,
Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.
We believe in God above, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,
We believe in God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN 546 LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING**

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
Let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in F"

by Johann Pachelbel

Please remain seated and give thanks to God.

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ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Sundays, 9:00 am GENESIS

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Email Pastor Nancy for further information and the schedule.

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Tuesday morning study – THE PARABLES OF JESUS

9:30 am. We meet on Zoom.

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Reminder – Manse Work Day

October 30, 2021

9:00 am – 3:00pm

Come when you can and stay as long as you can!

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HELP NEEDED! HOLIDAY WISHES COORDINATOR(S). It is time to plan for our participation in the program to give Christmas presents to the children in Rockaway Borough and Rockaway Township who qualify for free (or reduced) lunch in our local schools. The forms are being sent out and the children’s wish lists will be ready soon. Maureen Huber has been our coordinator for several years and will not be doing it this year. However, she is willing to work with a new person. If you might be interested or have questions you may contact her or Betty Shuman for more information.

